



Student Achievement Beyond the Classroom

What is the Commission?

Established by Mayor Adrian M. Fenty and operated by the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education, the Statewide Commission on Children, Youth and their Families (SCCYF) serves as a coordinating body for all of the District Government's services for children.



Six Citywide Goals for Children and Youth

- ❶ Children are ready for school.
- ❷ Children and youth succeed in school.
- ❸ Children and youth practice healthy behaviors.
- ❹ Children and youth engage in meaningful activities.
- ❺ Children and youth live in healthy, stable, and supportive families.
- ❻ Youth make a successful transition into adulthood.

Evidence-Based Programs

The Statewide Commission on Children, Youth and their Families has implemented evidence-based programs that target specific issues, including school culture and climate, substance use, self confidence, and mental health.

- **DC START** is an early intervention mental health model. Clinicians in ten schools provide Child-Centered Play and Cognitive Behavioral Therapies to students, and also work with families.
- **Second Step** is a school culture and climate program that integrates academics with social and emotional learning. Second Step is being implemented in 15 PK-8s.
- **LifeSkills Training** is a substance abuse prevention program taught by health teachers. LifeSkills Training is being implemented as a part of the health curriculum in middle and high schools.
- **Primary Project** is a school-based program that addresses the social and emotional needs of children with school adjustment difficulties. Primary Project is being implemented in 16 schools in kindergarten and first grade.
- **School Resource Officer Training** instructs School Resource Officers and supervisors in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, mentoring, and law-related education.
- **Therapeutic Crisis Intervention** is a crisis prevention and intervention model that prepares school staff proven strategies to prevent and de-escalate disruptive incidents. The system is being piloted in four high schools and three special education centers.
- **Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation** provides both child/family-centered and programmatic consultation to improve the ability of those involved with early childhood development – from staff to families – to prevent, identify, treat, and reduce the impact of social and emotional issues on a child and the classroom.

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education plans to expand programs based on an independent evaluation of each program.



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